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187 New Parking Spaces for Hillcrest

DMV Parking Lot Now Open to the Public on Evenings and Weekends

SAN DIEGO, CA (October 5, 2010) – Hillcrest is home to a thriving business district, diverse restaurants and popular bars. Today, San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria announced the latest effort to address the community's one deficiency, its lack of parking. The parking lot of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is now open for use as a paid lot on evenings and weekends, adding 187 spaces for the public. State Senator Christine Kehoe, who was instrumental in the process of opening the DMV lot, was in Sacramento for the announcement.

"Along with its unique shops and attractions, Hillcrest now can also boast of a new parking option," said Councilmember Gloria, who represents the neighborhood. "The willingness of the DMV to provide an important amenity to the community is laudable."

The parking lot is now officially open, and the parking rate is reasonably set at \$1 per hour.

Prior to his election, Councilmember Gloria worked to secure the Hillcrest station of the U.S. Post Office parking lot for public use in non-operating hours, and he and Senator Kehoe pursued a similar arrangement with the DMV for over a year.

"I'm pleased to have helped Councilmember Gloria with the Department of Motor Vehicles at the state level to get make this parking available. I know it will make it easier for so many people who shop, eat, and have fun in Hillcrest," said Senator Kehoe.

The hours for public use are 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; all day Saturday, and 5:00 p.m. Sunday through 7:00 a.m. Monday. The popular Hillcrest Farmers Market will not be impacted.

Making real progress addressing Hillcrest's parking deficit has been a priority for Councilmember Gloria. In addition to the 187 spaces at the DMV opening today, he helped secure 15 spaces as part of the nearby Normal Street Median Improvements completed in January and 36 spaces at the re-opened Pernicanos lot on Sixth Avenue in July.

Also in attendance at the opening were Sean Wherley, representing Senator Kehoe; John Hargreaves representing the Uptown Partnership; and Lisa Weir representing the Hillcrest Business Association.

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